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SUBJECT: N. Z. SUPPORT FOR U. S. ANTARCTIC PROGRAM

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1. PLEASE ADVISE NZ MFA THAT US AUTHORITIES APPRECIATE CONSTRUCTIVE TENOR AND WARMTH GNZ RESPONSE TO US INQUIRY. TIME AND PLACE PROPOSED FOR CONSULTATION IS ACCEPTABLE.

2. US SUGGESTS THAT 11 AND 12 APRIL BE TENTATIVELY RESERVED FOR FOLLOW- ON TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH NZ AUTHORITIES SUCH AS MIGHT STEM FROM AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL ON AIRCRAFT REPAIR AND SERVICING, FLIGHT FOLLOWING, METEOROLOGY, AND COMMUNICATIONS.

3. DEPT. PROPOSES FOLLOWING US NEGOTIATING TEAM BE HEADED BY CHARGE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBASSY OFFICIAL: MR- JAMES HEG, CHIEF, POLAR PLANNING AND COORDINATION, NSF, AND MR. PRICE LEWIS, MANAGER, POLAR OPERATIONS, NSF. ADVISERS TO US TEAM WILL BE: MR. JAMES POWELL, NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND, COMMUNICATIONS MATTERS; CMDR. V. W.
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PETERS, USN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF VXE-6 FOR AVIATION MATTERS; AND CMDR. R. DAVIS, USN, OFFICER IN CHARGE, DET DELTA CHRISTCHURCH FOR GENERAL SUPPORT MATTERS.

4. MEMBERS US TEAM TRAVELING FROM CONUS EXPECT ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH VIA MAC CHANNEL ON SUNDAY, APRIL 8, AND PROCEED WELLINGTON P. M. REQUEST 5 SINGLE RESERVATIONS JAMES COOK HOTEL APRIL 8-12.

5. FYI. WHILE REF A CONTAINED NO SURPRISES IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL TO HAVE MORE TIME FOR US CONSIDER CONTENTS IN NZ DIPLOMATIC NOTE AND POSSIBLE MESSAGE OF INQUIRY TO ELABORATE SPECIFIC POINTS. FOR INSTANCE DIPLOMATIC NOTE MENTIONS COMMUNICATION IN PARA. 2 BUT NOTE CONTAINS NO INDICATION NZ VIEWS THIS TOPIC, IN SPITE OF FACT IT HOLDS PROMISE OF BEING ONE OF MOST FRUITFUL FOR NZ. DESPITE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR PREPARATION BY US REP, US CONSIDERS MEETINGS CAN BE PRODUCTIVE BECAUSE OF GOOD WILL AND MUTUAL ESTEEM EXISTING BETWEEN PARTICIPANTS. END FYI.

6. FOR DET DELTA NSFA CHRISTCHURCH. REQUEST TWO COPIES MATERIAL CITED YOUR 020532 Z APRIL 73 BE AVAILABLE FOR US TEAM. ROGERS

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